

Where do I start!!!! Well lets start with local Radio in the NYC area. New York City!!! The Capital of the world! You would think that living near a city like New York I could turn on the radio and find a station that would play music of my liking. Nope I'm stuck with idiotic talk radio and music that "the industry" thinks I want to hear. There used to be a time where I would listen to radio and hear a song for the first time and go out and buy that particular music at the Record shop. Those days are long gone as the music that is played today is geared towards younger people who cant afford to buy a CD for \$18.00, now that's different story for another problem. There used to be some great stations in NY but they have all gone the way of coporate controled music for the mases. I guess it's all about the money. Funny thing is when I had no CHOICE, but to listen to radio, I can honestly say that I never bought anything from a commercial I heard on the radio! Yeah there are some good stations but most are Low Band stations and I can't get good reception in Nothern NJ. Go figure WDHA is a NJ based station and I cant get them in Northern NJ, Then came XM!! Yea!!!! Now I can listen to what I want when I want. If I feel like a little Bill Monroe then its of to Bluegrass Junction, maybe a little Duke or Coltrane, switch to Real Jazz, Dream Theater or Yes, lets head over to Music Choice, I'm more of a classic rock guy so I like Top Tracks or Deep Tracks. If I feel like listening to some News I can listen to many of the available national stations like FOX but most of all is the ability to listen for local weather and traffic. Just two weeks ago the northern NJ area was hit with severe thunderstorms that created flash floods. My wife works about 50 miles away. As I turned to the Local Traffic and Weather as I was traveling home, I heard that the intersections at Rt 3 and the Garden State Parkway were closed due to flooding. If I relied on my local radio to give me that update I would have had to wait at least 20 minutes through some idiotic talk and commercials advertising a pill I could take to lose 30 lbs. or a pill to enlarge my penis!! I was able to call my wife and advise her that she should find a different way home. She did and arrived home safely. When she got home she gave me a hug and thanked me for telling her about the highway closing. She said " it was crazy out there" Not only does XM provide me with the music that I love, it also provides me a sense of safety for me and my family. Please don't bow down to lobbyists who think that Satelite radio is hurting the business of radio. These big Radio corporations and their uneducated directors who are listening these large record companies are the ones who are ruining radio in this country